

PRICE OF SILVER BRINGS TO LIFE MANY DORMANT MINES

Revival of That Class of Properties Is Adding to the Prosperity Of Yavapai County.

(By William P. De Wolf)

Yavapai county's silver mining industry—quiescent and more or less moribund since the repeal of the silver purchasing act in the early '90s—has been quickened by the recent advance in the price of silver, and is now assuming proportions akin to those of the days of bimetalism and "16 to 1." There has been no period since the demonization of silver when the financial well being of that branch of the country's industry was so thoroughly assured as now. It is taking on a virile activity that reflects the increasing demand for and price of silver, and is facing a future that promises to be generally prosperous.

Silver the Metal.

Except for the two years following 1890, silver the metal, has never reached so high a price range as that now prevailing; and existing conditions indicate further and sustained advances. Eastern advances are to the effect that reserves of silver all over the world are lower than they have been for years and are being depleted rapidly. Chaos in Mexico has greatly curtailed the output of silver from that country and there is little hope of any substantial increase from there for a protracted period. Other sources of supply have practically been cut off by conditions attributable to the European war, hence the world is now almost entirely dependent upon the United States and Canada for its supply of the white metal. The indications are that this supply is not commensurate with the vastly expanded demand.

Silver In Demand.

Although not in a strict sense a war metal, silver is in increasing demand; chiefly from the English and European mints for coinage purposes to pay troops in the field and replace the gold coins that are being withdrawn from circulation as a means of strengthening their reserves. The growing belief that the belligerent nations will be forced to resort to silver at the close of the war as a partial basis for their enormous issues of paper currency is another factor that tends toward further advances in its price. Not only will the unprecedented demand from Europe be stimulated thereby, but the Far East, always a heavy consumer of the white metal, will soon be making larger purchases than ever before, thereby yet further stimulating the demand. China's standardization of her coinage will in itself require approximately 150,000,000 ounces of silver, or almost twice as much as the United States and Canada can output in a year.

Silver Mines Respond.

The factors cited are exerting a powerful influence in the silver producing districts of Yavapai county. Old-time silver bonanzas—mines that have added millions to the coined wealth of the world—are arousing from the inertia of decadent days and will soon be again of the present instead of the past. They are coming back, these champions of the days of dollar silver and the double standard, and while they may not duplicate their past spectacular records they yet will be important units of the county's mining industry. Their records are interesting chapters in the history of territorial Arizona. To establish those records men braved death by thirst, by exposure and by the tomahawk of the Apache. The white brother of those parous times labored for posterity with a single-jack in one hand and a rifle in the other, lest the red brother of the desert lift his scalp at an unwary moment during the day's shift.

Follow the Sunset Trail.

A large majority of the sturdy Hassayampans who picketed the Arizona frontier have passed along the Sunset Trail and dropped below the horizon that veils the present from the past. The milestones they erected yet remain, however, to inspire their beneficiaries with the record of sterner scenes. The people of Arizona, appreciative of the tasks accomplished and privations endured by the empire builders who preceded them, have built a palatial home in Prescott for this fast thinning corps of pioneers. There they rest in peace and comfort, safe in harbor after the stress of stormy years. Nothing very grand nor displaying attitudes to the persons of these hold-overs from the days of blood and iron in Arizona, but the chronicle of their achievements is the most thrilling chapter in the history of a State that has added largely to the pride and wealth of the nation.

Industry a Debtor.

The mining industry of Yavapai county owes much to these trail blazers of a former generation. Their labors in Yavapai's hills date back more than half a century and are primarily the cause of the present prosperous status of mining affairs here.

The output of the silver mines they discovered helped to sustain the credit of a government threatened with disintegration by the vicissitudes of internecine conflict. They developed the Peck mine, with its record of \$4,000,000 worth of ore; the Tuscumbia mine, with its record of nearly \$1,000,000 worth of ore; the Nelson mine, with its record of \$2,000,000 worth of ore; the Tiptop mine, with its record of upward of \$3,500,000 worth of ore; the McCabe and Gladstone mines, with their combined output of \$3,000,000 worth of ore; the Tiger Silver, Tiger Gold, Fairview, Spring Green, Wildflower, Silver Belt, War Eagle, Gladiator and other properties of past and present worth.

Again On Active List.

Most of the properties mentioned are again being worked and the resumption of activity at others is being planned. In some instances ore is being mined of similar value to that of past years, when \$100 rock was thrown over the dump as valueless and the high grade was teamed to the Colorado river, loaded on boats and transported to smelter. Taken by and large, however, the ore now being mined does not carry as high a silver content as formerly; but what it lacks in that respect is more than compensated for by the increased value of its other mineral contents, such as tungsten, copper, lead and zinc. Quite a number of these old-time properties carry silver-gold values on a par with those of the mines at Tonopah, Nev.; which is to say they have a prosperous present and future as well as a prosperous past. In fact, the ore mined in the Tuscumbia and other bonanzas of the Bradshaw mountains is identical in appearance as well as equal in value to the Tonopah ores. As at Tonopah, the ore occurs in the lode porphyry and is readily treated by the simpler processes of reduction.

Mills On The Job.

The Randolph-Gemmill Development Company's mill, the Saratoga Company's mill, and the mills of the Tiger Silver and Tiger Gold Mining Companies, are operating day and night on the silver and gold ores of the Bradshaw mountains in an only partially successful effort to keep pace with the mine output and reduction demand. Two additional mills are to be erected as an offset to the conditions cited and these in turn are to be supplemented by the erection of a plant in the vicinity of the camp of Crown King for the treatment of the ores of that locality in general.

Take Over Mines.

The Crown King, Wildflower and Tiger mines, owned by the Yavapai Consolidated Gold-Silver-Copper Co., have been taken over by the Bradshaw Reduction Company—holding company for the Randolph-Gemmill Development Company. The first mentioned corporation has also acquired control of the War Eagle-Gladstone group of mines under a bond and lease. It is the purpose to aggressively develop all four of the properties and to treat the ores therefrom in the Randolph-Gemmill mill. The latter is to be enlarged to meet the additional ore reduction demand. The ores in question carry commercially valuable copper, lead and zinc contents in addition to pay values in gold and silver. These determinations were obtained by test runs at the Randolph-Gemmill plant.

PREPARING TO REVIVE PIONEER SILVER MINES

(From Saturday's Daily)

Geo. H. Freyda, who is in the city from Walker, is preparing to return to his old silver camp in Turkey creek district and resume operations. He states that the outlook for the white metal is encouraging for reaching the dollar-an-ounce mark in a few months, that he will get in action again in a short time. Other old silver mines in that belt are also preparing to resume, while many new locations are being made. The district in early days had frequent booms, and some fabulously rich strikes are to its credit. The Pine Spring producing ore that ranged to as high as \$8000 ounces to the ton, its product in two weeks being valued at over \$15,000.

POSTMASTER WANTED

(From Friday's Daily)

The United States civil service commission announces that on June 24, 1916, an examination will be held at Morristown, Ariz., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Hot Springs and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$427 for the last fiscal year.

PROJECTED ROAD WILL CEMENT TWO CITIES

(From Friday's Daily)

"Connecting up Prescott and Jerome with direct communication by a short line wagon road, and reducing the distance between the two cities to only 30 miles, as against 53 miles by the Cherry creek route, is meeting with strong support and earnest consideration in Jerome," said E. H. Meek, who returned a few days ago from the Verde country, where he had been looking after the affairs of his Arizona Hydraulic Power Company.

In his belief definite action toward building this highway, which has been talked of for many years, will meet with earnest consideration in a short time. The move is desired by Jerome people, and since the auto has set the pace for rapid means of communication, and social mingling, it forms an incentive for each community to become stronger attached to each other than in other days.

Mr. Meek also said: "The route desired by those who are conversant with topographical conditions of the country to be built over, seems to be as follows: To parallel the United Verde & Pacific railway until Lone-some valley is reached, from which point at a trifling cost a road could be constructed to tap the main highway to Prescott, distant only 16 miles, or not to exceed 30 miles from Jerome to this city. Fine building material abounds along the entire route. A decomposed granite. An attraction of this route would be its low grade, that has been established from surveys made, and would permit of easy and swift driving from start to finish. Think of the trip from Prescott to Jerome, or vice versa being negotiated in less than one and one-half hours! Would not the ties of friendly feeling between the two communities be drawn tighter and stronger than under present conditions? Jerome wants to come to Prescott for sociability, and as Frontier Days are again approaching, the necessity of this air line roadway becomes again all the more apparent."

The application of a portion of the road fund for beginning this work is to be taken up by a concerted movement in a short time, in which representative people of both communities are to earnestly assist in promoting the realization of this popular road movement, which has been under discussion for many years.

WILSON IS AGAIN NABBED FOR ASSAULT

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Herbert Wilson, former night watchman at Jerome, against whom a charge of assault with intent to commit murder was dismissed at a preliminary hearing before Justice S. F. Denison, of Jerome, last Friday, was again arrested Monday, brought to Prescott and arraigned before Justice McLane on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing was set for June 7th and he was allowed to go to Jerome to arrange for a \$1,000 bond.

Wilson is alleged to have struck Gus Silva, known as "Portuguese Joe," several times with the butt of a revolver, inflicting severe wounds about the latter's head. Wilson was at that time serving under an appointment by Town Marshal Fred Hawkins, who was later defeated for reelection by Earl Lyons. A warrant for Wilson's arrest was issued but was not served until after the election. The case is said to have been used as a weapon against Hawkins at the election, his opponents arguing that if re-elected he would probably again appoint Wilson night watchman.

When Wilson was arraigned at Jerome conflicting stories were told by witnesses. One said that he had stood on the side of a hill and hearing some children screaming, had looked down and seen Silva pursuing a woman. He testified that Wilson had run up to Silva and that the two had struggled together on a narrow path for about ten minutes.

Silva and the woman both testified that they were walking along the path when one of the woman's children fell down and started to cry. Then, they said, Wilson ran up, cursed Silva and struck him over the head several times.

Wilson testified that he had heard the screams of the children and had seen Silva chasing the woman. He said he ran up and Silva grappled with him. They struggled on the narrow path and Wilson declared that he did not strike Silva until they both had almost rolled down the side of the hill.

At the preliminary hearing Deputy County Attorney Joe Morgan protested vigorously against the charge being dismissed and announced after the hearing that the county would fight the case to the bottom.

HARRY FULTON IS VICTIM OF ACIDENT

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Harry Fulton, a former prominent resident of this county, was accidentally killed at San Diego last Saturday, was the news contained in a telegram reaching his brother-in-law, Joe B. Tappan, who arrived yesterday from the southern section of Mohave county. The delayed information is due to Mr. Tappan residing in an isolated region, away from communication. No particulars whatever were given of the cause of death. Mr. Fulton was quite wealthy, retiring many years ago from the sheep raising business. He was very popular in the north, and was aged about 50 years.

PROGRAM OF BIG CELEBRATION IS OUT

BEST ATTRACTIONS EVER OFFERED IN SOUTH-WEST OUTLINED FOR MONTH OF JULY.

(From Saturday's Daily)

Programs for Prescott's two stellar July attractions, Frontier Days and the Chautauqua week, are out, promising a month filled with fun and entertainment of every known brand. Both programs are attractively printed and worded in the most alluring manner, and if Prescott does not entertain the biggest crowds in its history the promoters of both events will probably die of heart failure.

Independence Day will mark the opening of the Frontier Days celebration, the greatest spectacle in the Southwest, for which arrangements have been in progress for many months. The executive officers of the celebration are: E. A. Kastner, chairman of the executive committee; F. G. Brown, treasurer; F. L. Haworth, arena director and M. G. Sparkes, secretary.

The fact that all purses were paid in 1915 as advertised and that all contestants, wherever they hailed from, were given a square deal, gives assurance that the top-notchers in Wild West events will be in the arena this year. Fair, open competition, with no one barred, will characterize each event. No favoritism will be shown and the various events will be open to any amateur or professional cowboy.

The automobile and modern mode of attire will be relegated to the past during the celebration. Everyone is urged to use no other method of transportation than a horse or pony and to wear the wildest and wooliest of Western wearing apparel. No limit will be placed on the height of hats or heels. The cattleman from Little Chino, the miner from Tiptop and the banker from Boston are going to walk around the streets, arm in arm, and prove to the doubtful ones that the West is still as wholesome and free as it ever was, and that a man's man for what he is and not for the size of his bank account.

The following main events will be presented on each of the four days' contests:

1. Grand Parade of contestants and visiting horsemen from Frontier Days' headquarters, around the plaza and to Frontier grounds, 1 p. m.
2. World's championship broncho riding contest. First prize, \$400 cash and diamond-mounted world's championship gold medal; second, \$250; third, \$100; fourth, \$50.
3. World's championship steer roping contest. First prize, \$400; second, \$200; third, \$100; fourth, \$60; fifth, \$50. Entrance, \$20.
4. Relay race. Run each day of contest for purse of \$80 daily; total purse, \$320. First prize, \$40; second, \$25; third, \$15, daily. No entrance fee.
5. Pony express race. Run each day of contest for purse of \$80 daily; total purse, \$320. First prize, \$40; second, \$25; third, \$15, daily. No entrance fee.
6. Free-for-all ladies' race. Purse, \$100. No entrance fee. First prize, \$75; second, \$25. This race will be run Friday, July 7th, and will be for three-eighths of a mile, not less than five horses to start.
7. Cow Pony race. Prizes each day for four days, \$30, \$20, \$15 and \$10. Entrance fee \$5 for all four days' racing.
8. Steer riding contest. First prize, \$40; second, \$30; third, \$20; fourth, \$10. Entrance fee, \$5. Prizes awarded daily.
9. Bareback broncho riding. First prize, \$125; second, \$75; third, \$40. Entrance fee, \$8.

In addition to the program, many mounted games and contests between teams of cowboys will be given each day and there will be an opportunity for many to draw extra prize money in these events.

All rangemen coming into Prescott for the celebration are being urged to bring in extra horses to be rented and visiting people who desire to get in the parade and attend the celebration on horseback.

On July 5th, the second day of the contests, the grand Frontier Days ceremonial will be observed by the K. of P.'s under the auspices of El Yemamah Temple No. 65. Candidates from all over the country are going to attend and the Dokeys are planning to make the celebration one that will be long remembered.

The following day 225 delegates from every part of Arizona will be in

ORE DEPOSIT OF REMARKABLE RICHNESS

SUCH IS THE OPINION OF TWO ENGINEERS WHO EXAMINE PROPERTY OF THE LOMA PRIETA.

(From Saturday's Daily)

Mineralogical conditions continue to improve in the Loma Prieta shaft as it is deepened and to present even stronger indications of the proximity of a large deposit of copper sulphide ore than obtained at a depth of 85 feet where the ore body was first encountered. The presence of chalcopirite is more pronounced in the shaft at its present depth of 135 feet than at any point above, and from time to time the quartz is marked by seams of peacock copper and dottings of black copper.

The contractor is making better headway of late in sinking the shaft, having passed through the lens of monzonite, that made its appearance at a depth of 115 feet. This lens, or "horse," was unusually hard to drill and was equally as refractory in the matter of breaking to advantage under the force of the dynamite blasts. A softer and more amenable strata having been entered, the miners are making faster progress. It therefore appears probable the shaft will be deepened to the 200-foot point within a few weeks. At that level the ore body is to be crossed and tested.

The Loma Prieta ore body was inspected and given an O. K., this week by two men who are prominent in the mining affairs of the West. Neither knew the other was to visit the property and each made his inspection independent of the other and at a different time. The result was in each instance, however, the same. For both men pronounced it to be an ore deposit of remarkable richness and extent. In their opinion it will retain its values to great depth and will disclose them in the permanent sulphide area at a point not greatly below the present depth of the shaft.

One of these men is a mining engineer in the employ of a prominent copper company having largely productive interests in Yavapai county and other sections of Arizona. The other has for many years been successfully identified with the large mining interests of Colorado. The opinion of either carried great weight in mining circles, and when expressed for or against a mining proposition is accepted as final.

GIVES GOOD REPORT

(From Friday's Daily)

William Ellingford, superintendent of the Gold Blossom Mining Co., operating on Indian creek, six miles south of the city, was a business visitor yesterday, reporting steady development as going ahead with a decidedly favorable showing at depth. He is rearranging surface conditions for installing a new air compressor, new hoist, and other equipment, the company deciding recently to begin larger exploration since development is determining what has every indication of proving a desirable property. The machinery is expected to begin arriving next week from the coast.

150 QUARTS OF WHISKEY SEIZED BY MARSHAL

Special Correspondence.

CLARKDALE, June 2.—Just 150 quarts of whiskey, was seized by Marshal Joe Cook, of Clarkdale, from trunks and suit cases which it is claimed, were owned by Antonio Blanco, Alberto Garcia and Andres Gomez, all Mexicans.

At a hearing before Federal Commissioner C. H. Rutherford, Gomez was bound over to the federal court. Garcia and Blanco had their hearing today.

Prescott to attend the Republican State convention, adjourned from Tucson. Each delegate is planning to bring his family to the Frontier Days celebration and practically every one will stay at least several days in the Mile High City.

The Phoenix Chamber of Commerce excursion will arrive in Prescott at 12 o'clock noon, July 4th, so that all visitors from the Capital City will get to see the opening festivities of the big celebration.

Scores of inquiries are pouring in at the Chamber of Commerce regarding the celebration, many in response to an advertisement placed in an amusement magazine by the celebration committee. One cattle man wrote from California and stated that he expected to participate in the contests and would bring many other of the Golden State punchers with him.

GETTING READY TO OPERATE EUREKA

MAJOR M. & M. CO. CLOSE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN EAST TO START DEVELOPMENT.

(From Saturday's Daily)

According to advices received yesterday from New York City by those interested in the Major Mining and Milling Co., its financial affairs have been adjusted, and full resumption will be under headway this month.

The Eureka holdings at Walker, will be the main operating base, this property when active a few months ago, being sufficiently explored to warrant an additional outlay for deep development. The product was treated at the Poland mill to ascertain the principle of reduction required, and several carloads of concentrates were shipped to Humboldt. A flotation mill was decided upon, and the order for it has been placed. What character of work is to be performed, and what future plans call for in handling the large tonnage exposed, will not be known until after the arrival in this city of the principals, who are expected next week. The well known Shelton group of early-day gold producers, at Walker, is included under the ownership of the Major.

THREE BOUND OVER IN JUSTICE COURT

(From Saturday's Daily)

Joe Abbott, Charles Van Tine and A. B. Noxon were bound over for trial at the conclusion of their preliminary hearings in Justice McLane's court yesterday on charges of violating the State prohibition amendment. Each of the men is alleged to have sold from one-half to one gill of intoxicating liquor to G. Cooper and F. H. Bryant, two men who, it is claimed, also secured evidence against six other men who were arrested Wednesday. Both Abbott and Van Tine are at liberty on \$250 bond each. Noxon was unable to secure a bond and is held in the county jail.

Bob Birch, Sid Birch, Stanley Priestly and Larry Duff, against whom similar charges were filed, will have their preliminary hearings at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Jesus Noriega, a partner of Abbott, will appear before Justice McLane at 10 o'clock Monday morning and the preliminary hearing of Barney Smith will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS RALLY TO THE COLORS

(From Saturday's Daily)

Barrett Post, G. A. R., will not lower its colors, and go out of existence as was contemplated a short time ago by lack of membership to hold its charter. Ten veterans of the Civil war, residing in this county, have rallied around the old colors, and their names are now enrolled as active members, was the statement made yesterday by Dr. W. E. Day and Captain A. J. Judd, staunch supporters of the organization. In a short time an election of officers will be held and the historic Grand Army organization will continue to exist.

Barrett Post was the first in Arizona to be issued a charter, in 1886 and after the adjutant general learned of the intention to lower its flag, he appealed to the veterans as follows: "Comrades, stand by the colors, though you are falling fast; save this historic rendezvous of the old guard who remain in Arizona." And the answer goes back to national headquarters that Old Glory is still flying from the masthead of Barrett Post.

HOME GUARD IS FORMED AT CLARKDALE

(From Saturday's Daily)

Special Correspondence. CLARKDALE, June 2.—At a meeting of the Clarkdale Rifle Club here last night, it was decided in a resolution passed by the members present to take steps to establish a home guard. From the enthusiasm shown, it was indicated that the guards would get off to a flying start at their meeting this coming week when officers will be elected and final organization take place.

Judge J. H. Rutherford was at the meeting and made a stirring address for the formation of the guards. Over 30 members voted for the organization. According to an officer of the rifle club, no less than 50 members will be enrolled in the guard.

The Clarkdale Rifle Club which is fostering the move is a most healthy organization of the Smelter town. At present, its membership numbers 130.

LITTLE DAISY IS ABLE TO PAY BIG DIVIDEND

NEW YORK INDUSTRIAL AND MINING AGE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY OF JEROME MARVEL.

(From New York Industrial and Mining Age)

United Verde Extension, the popular New York curb copper issue, continues to make both mine and market history. Under a turnover of 16,100 shares, the stock sold during the week up to \$27.25, and had a final at \$27, a net gain of 50 cents for the week.

The Industrial and Mining Age during the week received the following dispatch from its Jerome, Ariz., correspondent:

"I am reliably informed that the United Verde Extension shipped 82 cars of ore to the smelter during the first two weeks of May, producing \$258,000. The company is earning 40c per share per month, and is abundantly able to pay a 20c monthly dividend."

Production as indicated in this dispatch is at the rate of \$6,192,000 per annum. With a deduction of 20 per cent for working cost, there would still be nearly \$5,000,000 available for dividends, equivalent to \$2.50 per share. This practically corroborates the figures given in the dispatch.

Wm. B. Daly, nephew of the late Marcus Daly and superintendent of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, accompanied by Assistant Superintendent Chauncey L. Berrie, visited the Jerome camp last week. Both Montana operators inspected the underground workings of the United Verde and the United Verde Extension.

On reaching the surface of the United Verde Extension, Mr. Daly said:

"This property is without a parallel in copper mining in the world. It is of such magnitude as to be simply astounding."

A comment of this kind, coming from Mr. Daly, who is recognized as one of the leading mining men of Montana, carries great weight. He is so used to seeing large bodies of copper ore that it takes a remarkable showing to cause him to make such an optimistic statement as that just quoted.

President James S. Douglas, of the United Verde Extension, after concluding a several days' inspection of the Little Daisy workings, stated that the crosscut on the 1,400-foot level had passed through the ore body and proved it to be fully 200 feet in width. Concluding his statement, Mr. Douglas said: "This development will end for the present operations in that zone. A wonderful property is now established. It is an immense copper proposition."

Mr. Douglas had hardly left the camp when another big strike on the 1,400-foot level was announced. It is believed that the new exposure is a branch of the great ore body that is being developed in the older workings. Assays show average values of 50 per cent copper, but the crosscut has not advanced sufficiently to determine the full extent of the new disclosure.

The United Verde Extension Mining Company has an authorized capitalization of \$750,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of a par value of 50c, of which 1,050,000 shares are outstanding.

\$27,000 IN POSTOFFICE SAVINGS AT JEROME

Special Correspondence.

JEROME, May 30.—Since it has become impossible to send money to Mexico by money orders, the postal savings accounts have grown enormously at the Jerome postoffice, according to Postmaster W. S. Adams. This increase is also due to the fact that money orders to countries in the war zone cannot reach their destination.

Among the miners are Mexicans, Balkans, Austrians, and others in war-torn countries who cannot send their money to their old homes. As a result, the savings have increased from \$6,000 to \$27,000 in about two years.

That this amount will greatly increase, with the announcement by the postoffice department that larger amounts, to the extent of \$1,000 in deposits by one person will be received, is the belief of Postmaster Adams.

Heretofore, the limit has been \$500 to a depositor. The news that double the old amount will be received will be quite attractive to the foreign population.

Notwithstanding that nearly a third of former destinations for money orders has been cut off by war, Postmaster Adams says that the money order business has increased wonderfully the past two years.

Great numbers of newspapers printed in a half dozen languages are received at the Jerome office. All departments in the office are increasing in business as a result of the prevalent prosperity.